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At the beginning of the week larger size prices were lower and unchanged on mediums in all areas. During the week prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Demand was light to moderate, with best interest centered around planned or in progress promotional activities. Supplies were generally adequate or available on larger sizes. Nest run breaking stock prices lower to unchanged. Offerings adequate to instances ample. Breakers satisfied with regular commitments and bidding lower values when offered additional spot breaking stock. Supplies adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Light type hens were generally ample for slaughter schedules.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS**, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	84-86	76-78	55-57
New York	54-56	51-54	45-48
Philadelphia	52-56	50-54	44-45
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	37-38
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-62	46-60	42-56
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	40-45	39-44	36-41
Detroit (2)	37-40	36-39	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	38-45.5	37-44	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	41-48	39-46	36-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	58-61	54-56	48-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	78	71	68

- (1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 5-May-00  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A  
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED  
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.25	54.87	46.13
SOUTHERN	56.66	54.54	43.15
MIDWEST	46.05	44.88	36.64
WESTERN	84.27	77.97	60.46
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.40	60.88	48.82

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO  
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES  
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-09-00	05-02-00	05-11-99
Large	20-22	25-27	24-26
Medium	18-20	18-20	15-17

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM** May 08, 2000  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.8	12.9	9.4	14.7	9.3	53.1
	Change	0.0	-2.4	-0.7	0.5	1.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.5	34.0	11.6	31.1	19.6	112.8
	Change	-0.8	-3.7	0.2	2.4	3.2	1%
Large	Curr Wk	28.4	99.3	67.4	84.7	90.4	370.2
	Change	-1.8	0.2	4.5	8.4	1.4	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	23.7	12.5	15.4	24.1	87.0
	Change	-0.3	-1.9	0.1	-1.3	3.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	6.4	1.2	3.3	5.7	19.5
	Change	-1.3	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	16.3	7.8	11.5	5.3	44.8
	Change	0.6	-0.6	1.1	-0.3	-0.6	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.3	50.9	16.2	26.8	47.1	163.3
	Change	2.8	-2.7	3.8	-1.3	5.8	5%
Total	Curr Wk	92.1	243.5	126.1	187.5	201.5	850.7
Percent	Change	-1%	-4%	8%	5%	8%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	850.7	3%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	400.6	-2%	39

Total Shell Egg 1251.3 1% 209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-MAY-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
C W	1,255,178	28,159	12,769	7,152	3,146	4,014
P W	1,227,823	27,891	12,311	6,550	3,273	4,116
L Y	1,160,846	26,331	11,424	6,438	2,766	3,531
% PW	2	1	4	9	-4	-2
% LY	8	7	12	11	14	14
2000	20,534,215	466,548	204,354	111,509	52,145	68,200
1999	19,003,412	432,009	188,126	103,799	47,758	59,637

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.50	41.43	41.11

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 06-MAY-00  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT PREVIOUS WEEK	CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	217.7	-2	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	471.5	-9	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	247.6	-6	6
S. ATLANTIC	189.5	-1	2
S. CENTRAL	75.8	1	3
WEST	182.7	2	-5
TOTAL	1,384.8	-4	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	APR 29	MAY 6	APR 29	MAY 6
	Thousand			
AL	*29,023	28,188	21,898	21,744
AR	30,702	29,675	24,180	24,665
DE	*4,118	4,385	*5,268	5,681
FL	2,886	2,812	2,519	2,415
GA	32,281	32,027	*25,139	25,326
MD	*8,646	8,268	*5,933	5,423
MS	18,299	18,291	15,615	15,518
NC	17,562	17,332	14,196	14,358
PA	*3,660	3,615	*2,800	2,802
SC	4,596	4,664	3,732	4,309
TX	*15,047	14,836	*11,851	11,792
VA	6,682	6,619	*5,548	5,146
CA, TN, & WV	11,512	11,851	10,731	10,973
15 State Total	*185,014	182,563	*149,410	150,152
Previous Year	183,331	182,775	147,173	146,083
Pct. of Prev.	101	100	102	103

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-Jun-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.91 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/04/00-05/10/00

	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	28.00	—	29.83	30.89	31.00	29.00	34.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	27.75	31.00	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	25.45	28.00	8.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.83	23.17	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	36.50	35.43	30.14	33.00	19.25
GL W LG	37.00	—	30.33	32.20	25.95	26.00	12.75
GL W MD	28.00	—	28.90	30.60	26.12	—	14.75
GL W SM	—	—	20.50	23.17	22.00	—	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 06-MAY-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	19.3	19.8	-3	-27
BOSTON	4.2	3.7	14	-19
CHICAGO	35.8	31.4	14	-21
DETROIT	21.5	22.5	-4	-32
KANSAS CITY	3.2	3.0	7	-6
LOS ANGELES	80.1	93.1	-14	-13
NEW ORLEANS	9.9	9.2	8	-36
NEW YORK	42.8	37.8	13	12
ST. LOUIS	13.0	12.3	6	3
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	20.2	10	4
TOTAL	252.1	253.0	0	-13
4 WK MVG AVG	295.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** Week Ending 29-APR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	
	BREEDERS			TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	4,432	13	28	4,473
AVG WT	27.72	26.77	24.79	27.78
LAST WEEK	4,011	17	15	4,043
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,249	2	40	5,291
AVG WT	24.80	22.50	25.88	24.81
TO-DATE/2000	77,859	232	646	78,737
TO-DATE/1999	78,812	285	554	79,651

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-APR-00  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER		OLD		TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	WT	RSTR	BAND	THOUSAND	HEAD		
HEAD	% CHG								WT
N EAST	1,022	0	21.69	NONE	NONE	1,022		21.69	
S ATL	642	1	29.98	(A)	(A)	645		29.93	
N CENT	2,065	41	31.23	(A)	(A)	2,080		31.19	
S CENT	420	-32	25.67	(A)	(A)	428		25.63	
WEST	296	6	23.32	(A)	(A)	298		23.37	
U.S.TOTAL	4,445 (B)	-8	27.80	0	28	4,473		27.78	
TO DATE									
2000	77,972 (B)			119	646	78,737			
TO DATE									
1999	79,097 (B)			0	554	79,651			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 232,000; last year to date 285,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-May-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	156,250(A)	2,124	1,403	3,527	408
AVG WT	5.10	3.36	8.11	5.25	6.76
LAST WEEK	152,156	2,036	1,424	3,460	486
YR AGO	154,413	2,356	1,369	3,725	435
AVG WT	5.07	3.32	8.41	5.19	6.38
2000	2,761,739	36,750	24,709	61,459	8,117
1999	2,705,740	39,448	24,164	63,612	8,137

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.1 million head or 2.0 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-May-00

	CURRENT WEEK 05/13/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/06/00
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	159,007(2)	160,019
LT HENS	2,053	2,168
HVY HENS	1,594	1,530
TOTAL	162,654	165,232

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-May-00 is 157.2 million head compared to 154.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.3 million head or 2.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-May-00 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL				
1	158.1	152.9	103	4.97
8	155.5	150.5	103	5.03
15	156.7	149.4	105	5.05
22	148.3	149.9	99	5.05
29	154.0	153.5	100	5.04
MAY				
6	158.1	156.1	101	5.10
YEAR TO DATE	2795.3	2730.9	102	
MAY				
13		157.2		
20		157.2		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
8-May-00	1-May-00	1-May-00	10-May-99	
55.76	0.57	55.19	60.83	
NUMBER OF LOADS	656			

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 05/08/00-05/13/00.

05/08/00-05/13/00.		U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.25	49	49.63	93
Los Angeles	62.00	61.00	67	59.52	114
New York	53.00-56.00	51.78	23	56.00	66

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 8-May-00	2,937	134,545	92,901
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
CHG	-254	7141	2718
PCT CHG	-8	6	3

**HEN MARKETS**

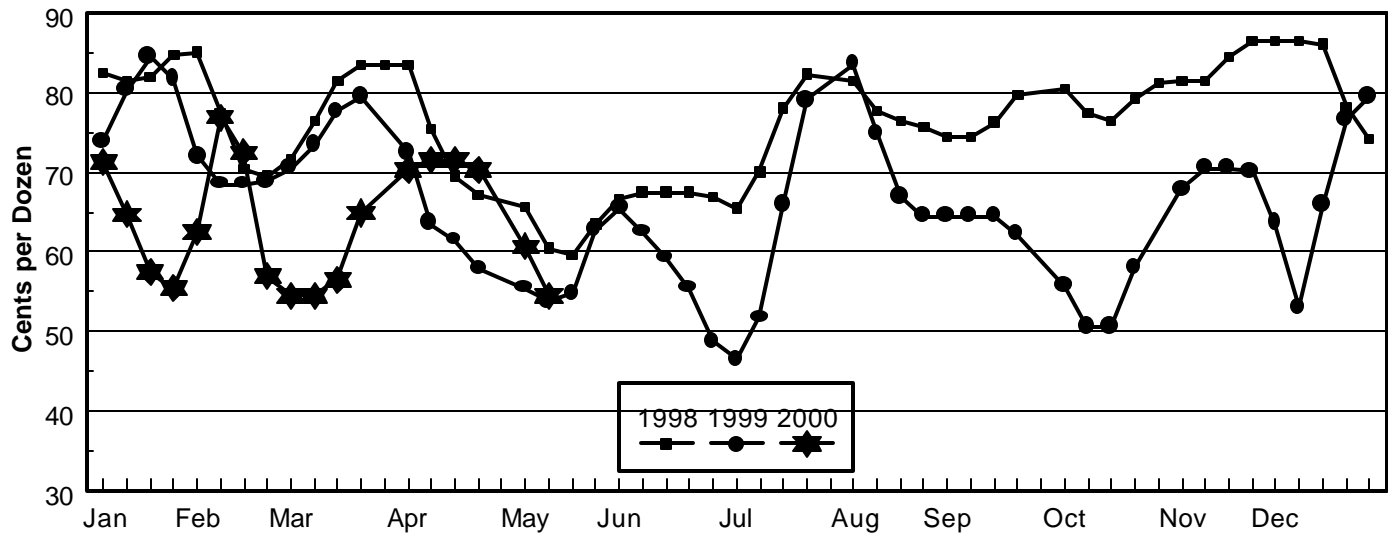
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
05/08/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	7.5-10	10.23
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-17(1)	10-12	11.00
05/05/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

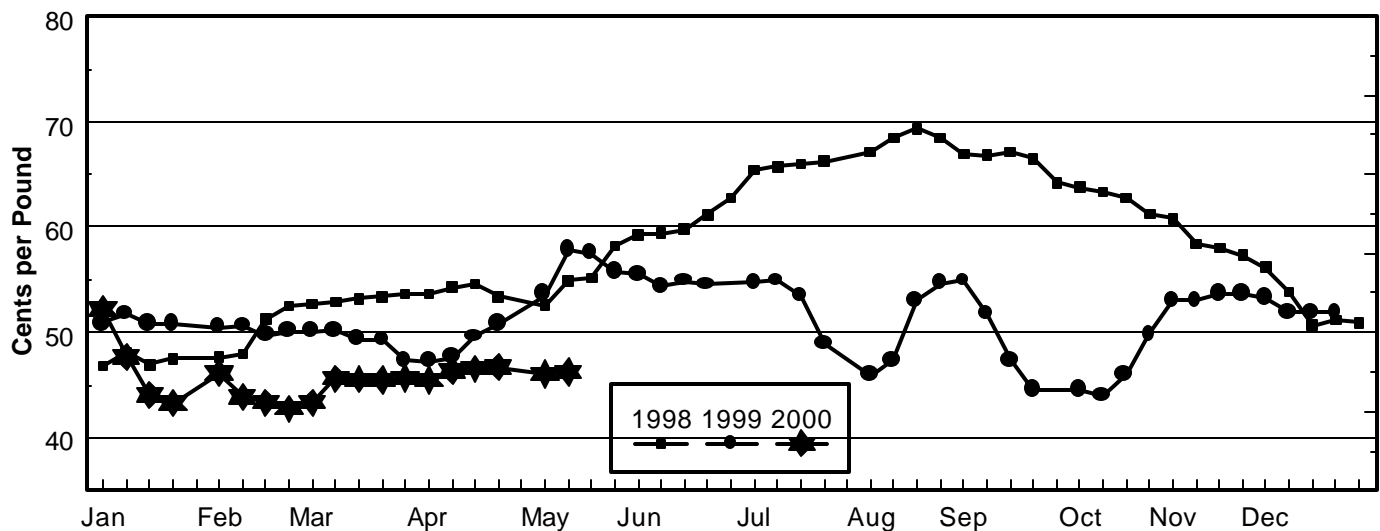
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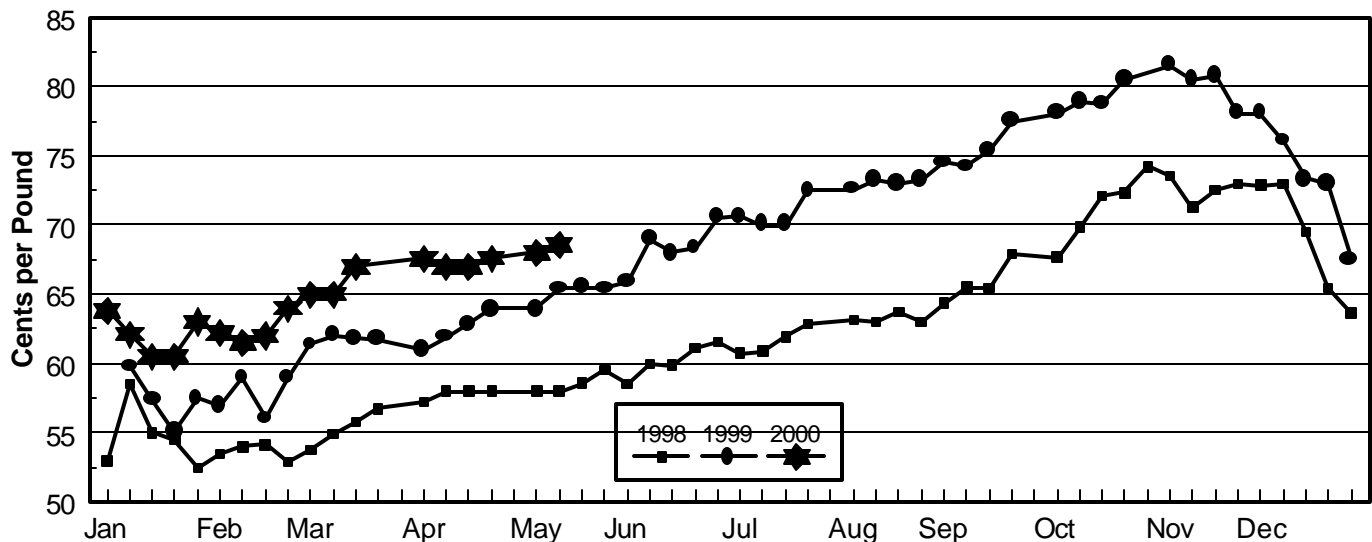
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.